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Memorandum

To: Presidents
NCCCS

Deadline
August 11, 2000

From: Scott Ralls, Vice-President
Economic & Workforce Development

Subject: Information Technology (IT) Training Survey

As you know, many of our business & industry discussions over the past year have focused on how to meet the IT training needs in the state. Colleges and the system office are asked frequently by industry, government officials, and economic development agencies to document our systems' level of commitment in this area. I know you will agree with me that we have not yet adequately told the story of IT training in our system.

In this effort, we recently initiated a partnership with the North Carolina Electronics and Information Technology Association (NCEITA) that also includes the Department of Commerce, and the nonprofit organization, ExplorNet. Our goals are to support enhanced IT training through community colleges by developing industry partnerships, pursuing resource opportunities, benchmarking activities in other regions of the nation, and fostering new initiatives to support the tremendous demand for skilled IT workers. As a first step, NCEITA is sponsoring a survey of the training and skills requirements of their membership, and we have agreed to survey colleges through the attached instrument regarding current activities and future plans.

Please help us accurately report the dimensions of this training by reporting on the attached survey all curriculum and continuing education IT training offered by your college in 1999 (Spring, Summer, and Fall terms). By Fall 2000, the results of this survey will be published in a system report, which will be shared with industry, the media, and others.

We appreciate the time and energy this survey will require to complete but know that you support the need for accurately capturing and reflecting the magnitude of the information technology training currently being provided, as well as future plans and resource requirements.

Please return the completed survey no later than August 11, 2000. If you have questions please let me know. Thank you again for your help.

Attachments (3)

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